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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to co-pending divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11,047,066, filed on January 31, 2005 (Atty. Docket No. MS177851.02/MSFTP954USA), entitled, "METHODS, TOOLS, AND INTERFACES FOR THE DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF PEOPLE TO GROUPS TO ENABLE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION,"[[.]] co-pending divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11,047,130, filed on January 31, 2005 (Atty. Docket No. MS177851.03/MSFTP954USB), entitled, "METHODS, TOOLS, AND INTERFACES FOR THE DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF PEOPLE TO GROUPS TO ENABLE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION,"[[.]] co-pending divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11,047,318, filed on January 31, 2005 (Atty. Docket No. MS177851.04/MSFTP954USC), entitled, "METHODS, TOOLS, AND INTERFACES FOR THE DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF PEOPLE TO GROUPS TO ENABLE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION,"[[.]] co-pending divisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11,047,228, filed on January 31, 2005 (Atty. Docket No. MS177851.05/MSFTP954USD), entitled, "METHODS, TOOLS, AND INTERFACES FOR THE DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF PEOPLE TO GROUPS TO ENABLE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION,"[[.]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/809,142, filed March 15, 2001, entitled, "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING AND ESTABLISHING PREFERRED MODALITIES OR CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATIONS BASED ON PARTICIPANTS' PREFERENCES AND CONTEXTS,"[[.]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/982,306, filed on October 17, 2001, entitled, "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING AND ESTABLISHING PREFERRED MODALITIES OR CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION BASED ON PARTICIPANTS' PREFERENCES AND CONTEXTS,"[[.]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/281,547, filed on October 28, 2002, entitled, "SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING CONTEXT-SENSITIVE DECISIONS ABOUT IDEAL COMMUNICATION

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MODALITIES CONSIDERING INFORMATION ABOUT CHANNEL RELIABILITY.”[[.]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/281,718, filed on October 28, 2002, entitled, “SYSTEM AND METHODS ENABLING A MIX OF HUMAN AND AUTOMATED INITIATIVES IN THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICATION POLICIES,”[[.]] co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/187,078, filed on June 28, 2002, entitled, “METADATA SCHEMA FOR INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS,”[[.]] and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/281,546, filed on October 28, 2002, entitled, “REPRESENTATION, DECISION MODELS, AND USER INTERFACE FOR ENCODING MANAGING PREFERENCES, AND PERFORMING AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING ABOUT THE TIMING AND MODALITIES OF INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS.”